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NEW STORIES!

Sonic!

Tails!

Robotnik!



PLUS WORLDWIDE SOCCER 97 REVIEW, BADNIK PIN-UP & MORE

CONTROL ZONE

Hey, Boomers,

Let's face it, the exclusive Sonic Badge on the front cover is a totally handsome gift! Wear your hedgehog with pride and you'll really stand out from the crowd (you can pay me that money now Sonic!).

Some other goodies to pin down this issue are three new stories, starting with Sega's twenty-four hour hero, Sonic! Tails returns as the Futural Reality fox, and it's show-time in Sonic's World with Muck the Doc!

Looking ahead to STC's next pulse-racing Valentine's issue (see below), Boomers will be glad to know that Derap Attack return for a hearty new series (plus, there's a double-page pin-up). So I'll be with you in a fortnight come rain or come shine, and remember Boomers, you needn't snow me under with your adoring cards. Oh, alright then, if you have to!

Megadroid



SEGA

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THE MANIACS ARE BACK
IN A 'DEAD' GOOD NEW STORY & PIN-UP!

PLUS

SONIC! DOOMSDAY! KNUCKLES! VICTIMS! SONIC'S WORLD! BOILING POINT! CHANGE OF ART! GROOVY GRAPHICS!

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SONIC

THE HEDGEHOG

HERO HOUR

COMPLETE
STORY

Script: LEW STRINGER Art: ANDY PRITCHETT Lettering: TOM FRANK

AN AVERAGE DAY IN THE
MOOTANT VILLAGE
DISTRICT OF NEW TEK
CITY...

SMASHH!

OUTTA MY WAY!
NOTHIN' STOPS...
THE YOB!

HELP! THAT
FAT-BUT-FEARSOME
FIEND THE YOB
HAS ROBBED
THE BANK!

AGAIN!

SINCE I'M TRAPPED IN THIS
SO-CALLED SPECIAL ZONE, I MIGHT
AS WELL MAKE MYSELF USEFUL...

DROP
THE DOSH,
LARDY!

UH? WHO
ARE YOU?







STAND READY TO BOMBARD THE YOB WITH OUR UNCANNY POWERS, MY FELLOW ZED MONKEYS!

SIGH: WE'RE RIGHT BY YOUR SIDE AS EVER, CYCLECLIPS!



YEAH: THE YOB IS ABOUT TO LEARN THAT I'M THE BEST AT WHAT I DO... AND WHAT I DO IS GET ANGRY AND SCOWL A LOT!

IT'S A POWER THAT REQUIRES GREAT RESPONSIBILITY. CHIMPOLINE!



WHAT ARE THEY STANDING AROUND TALKING FOR?
GET ON WITH IT!

SHUSH! DON'T YOU KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT SUPER-HERO TRADITIONS?



LOOK AT THE TIME!

GASP! YOU'RE RIGHT! IT'S TEN O'CLOCK!

HERO HOUR!



HUR, HUR! PERFECT TIMING!

WHAT GIVES? YOU APES ARE LETTING HIM GET AWAY!



SOON, ON THE OUTSKIRTS
OF THE CITY...

THIS LOOKS
LIKE THE RIGHT
PLACE!

PROFESSOR
ZED'S
SCHOOL FOR
GIFTED
MONKEYS



YOU TOO CAN HAVE A BODY LIKE
MINE. IF YOU FOLLOW A REGULAR
HERO HOUR! FLEX AND POSE.
JUNIOR ZED MONKEYS!

LET ME GUESS.
PROFESSOR ZED!

SMAASHH!



WHAT IS THE MEANING
OF THIS INTRUSION?

CHIMPOLINE TOLD ME
THE CITY'S CRIME RATE
INCREASES EACH TIME
YOUR ZED MONKEYS STOP
FOR A **HERO HOUR!**

BIT OF A
COINCIDENCE.
WOULDN'T YOU
SAY?



KEEP OUT OF OUR
MONKEY BUSINESS.
HEGHEGO!

COOL IT,
BONEHEADS!
LISTEN TO
ME!





THE END.

NEXT ISSUE: **OPONDSOM!**

REVIEW ZONE

YOUR GUIDE TO NEW GAMES RELEASES FOR THE SEGA SYSTEMS

STC'S RATING SYSTEM
UNDER 60 = YAWNVILLE

40-70 = NORWALSVILLE
70-80 = FUN CITY

80-90 = BIG TIME CITY
OVER 90 = MEGA CITY

WORLDWIDE SOCCER '97

Reviewed by Chris Jones.



GAME TYPE: SPORT
PLAYERS: 1-2

PUBLISHER: SEGA
PRICE: £44.99

RELEASE DATE: OUT NOW
AGE SUITABILITY: ALL

"Small boys in the park, jumpers for goal posts, rush goalie... Hmm...marvellous!" So might say Ron Manager, the comic character from 'Beeb' 2's *The Fast Show*, if he saw *Worldwide Soccer '97*. This new soccer sim on the Saturn easily eclipses all previous attempts to capture the game of 22 men and a leather ball on a games machine.

Worldwide Soccer '97 is as close as you can get to an arcade soccer machine at home, without moving into an arcade. Featuring all the international teams, various tactics and different tournaments this is more fun than watching a nil-nil draw on TV. The basic controls allow you to pass, chip and shoot but you can improve your skills with practice and perform one-two's, shimmies and bicycle kicks. As for the

graphics and animation, they are premier league standard with players able to trap the ball, turn and dribble, stumble and even jog backwards when defending!

The gameplay may take a while to master but soon you can be playing like Manchester United. There are options to choose from such as one of three stadiums to play in, and you can play day or night and in rain or shine. Gary Bloom, *Football Italia*'s man behind the mike, provides the commentary and his words only add to the excellent gameplay and atmosphere. This is a tremendous effort all round; the lads have given 110% and I can't ask for more than that. They've set their stall out early on and played a blinder!



FINAL COUNTDOWN

RAVES

"OOOAAAAA!"
The Brazil of football games.



GRAPHICS 95

SOUND 90

GRAVES

No real players names in the teams.



PLAYABILITY 90

OVERALL 92

THE MYSTICAL ELDER TREE HAS BEEN DESTROYED
AND NOW THE ANCIENT TREES HAVE SWORN TO TAKE
THEIR REVENGE ON PLANET MOBIUS.

KEEP
YOUR EYES PEELED.
THE BAD GUYS ARE STILL
AROUND HERE
SOMEWHERE

WACKLES ROOTS



WRITTEN BY
DAVE COOPER
AND
JIMMY CHAMP
EDITED BY
BILLY BELL



OMEN!
NOW WHAT ARE
YOU UP TO, YOU
WEIRDOP?

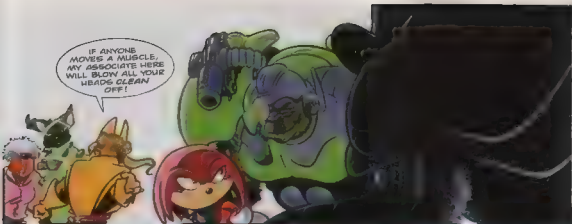
IT'S A
NEW SPELL I RECENTLY
PERFECTED. BUT I DON'T
THINK YOU'RE GOING
TO LIKE IT.

TENDRILS
SPRINGING UP
TOO MANY FOR
ME TO STOP.


YOUR
MAGIC ALWAYS WAS
INFERIOR TO MINE
AND THIS PROVES
IT!

DON'T
WORRY, EBBONY
I'LL SOON FREE YOU
I'LL ONLY TAKE A
SECOND TO FINISH
OFF THIS
BOZO!

THAT'S
WHAT YOU
THINK
PAL.



IF ANYONE
MOVES A MUSCLE,
MY ASSOCIATE HERE
WILL BLOW ALL YOUR
HEADS CLEAN
OFF!



SEE HOW
THE FLESH CREATURES
THINK OF NOTHING BUT
DESTRUCTION!

THE
TIME HAS COME
FOR US TO ERASE
THEM FROM PLANET
MOBIUS.



YOU THINK
YOU CAN TAKE
OVER THE PLANET?
DON'T MAKE ME
LAUGH!

DON'T
BE A FOOL
GIVEN

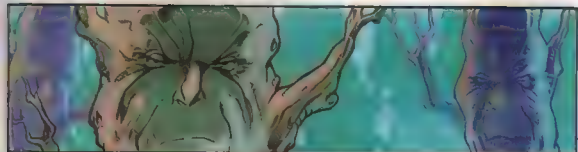
WE HAVE
SEEN THE POWER
OF YOU TREES. HOW
YOU MADE THIS
ENTIRE FOREST GROW
IN MINUTES!

I KNOW MY
KIND HAVE CAUSED
GREAT DESTRUCTION
AMONGST YOUR RACE.
I CAN'T CHANGE THAT,
THOUGH I WISH
I COULD!

BUT
WE'VE TRIED
TO DO BETTER THE
REASON SOME OF
US ARE HERE NOW
IS THAT WE WERE
TRYING TO HELP
YOU

WHAT
WOULD THE
ELDER TREE
HAVE DONE?





HEY,
WHAT'S
GOIN' ON
HERE?



NOOOO!



WHAT
DO YOU THINK
THEY'LL DO TO
THEM?

DO NOT
WORRY. WE
WILL NOT CAUSE
ANY HARM. WE
SEE NOW THAT
VIOLENCE IS
NOT THE
ANSWER



NEVER
RETURN. YOU
HAVE BEEN
WARNED!

THUD!



WE'VE
WON!

YEAH
BUT WE WERE
TOO LATE TO
SAVE THE ELDER
TREE

DO NOT
GRIEVE FOR
THE ELDER.
HIS TIME
WILL COME
AGAIN

EPILOGUE

TWO DAYS LATER DOCTOR ROBOTNIK HAS FENCED OFF THE ENTIRE FOREST WITH FIRM ORDERS THAT NOBODY MAY ENTER

WHAT EXACTLY DO YOU THINK HE MEANT BY THAT?

SEARCH ME!

THE FOREST IS A HAVEN OF NATURAL BEAUTY IN THE MIST OF ROBOTNIK'S EVIL EMPIRE

HOWEVER ONE SPOT IS MORE SACRED THAN ANY OTHER

THE PLACE WHERE THE ELDER TREE ONCE GROWED

THE PLACE WHERE THE ELDER TREE WILL SOME DAY GROW ONCE MORE

TAILS

CHARACTER
STORY

FURTHER REALITY

Script: JEN STRINGER
Art: ROBERT COBURN
Coloring: STEVE WHITE
Editing: GORDON KESSEN

AS ONE OF THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS
ON PLANET MOBIUS TAILS IS
HONEST, HEROIC, AND COURAGEOUS

BUT HE CAN ALSO
BE TOO TRUSTING!

WOW! A
FAN CLUB
FOR ME!

TAILS IS HEREBY
INVITED TO MEET
HIS ADORING
FANS IN THE
CASINO NIGHT
ZONE!

WE LOVE
TAILS!

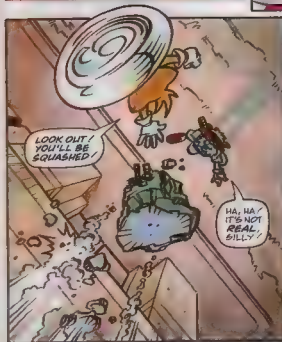
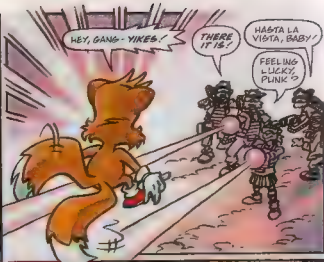
TAILS IS A
FOXY FOX!

MUSTN'T KEEP MY
PUBLIC WAITING!

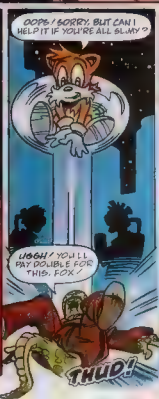
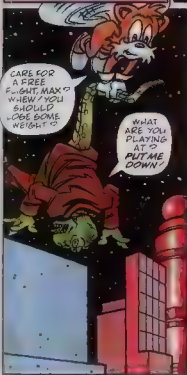
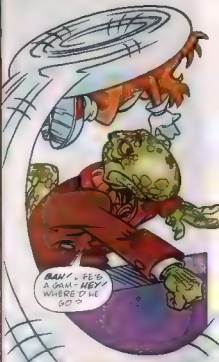
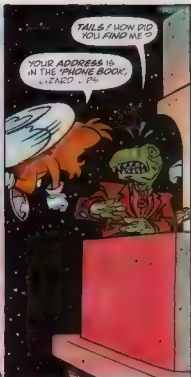
NOON TAILS EAGERLY
ARRIVES AT THE
CASINO NIGHT ZONE

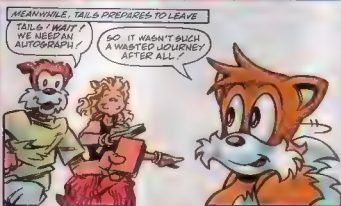
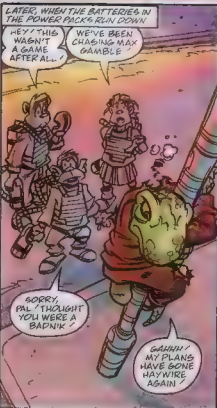
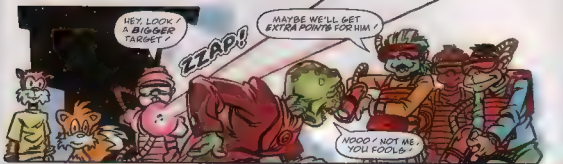
I GUESS MY FANS
WANT TO THANK ME
FOR HELPING THEM
A WHILE BACK! *

* SHAME ON YOU IF YOU
MISSED THE FUN IN STC
#80 & 81 - Megadroid









NEXT ISSUE DUE TO BOOMER DEMAND THOSE MAD DECAPPERS RETURN!

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Decap Attack return in a 'Dead' good adventure next issue!



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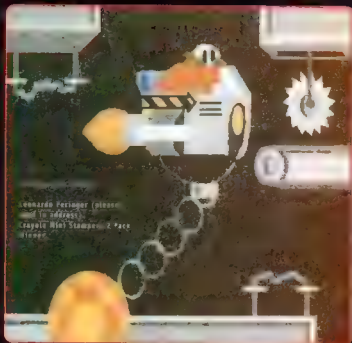


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OH
Brother



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EVERY NIGHT AT SIX O'CLOCK EVERY FAMILY IN EVERY ZONE, GATHERS AROUND THEIR TV TO WATCH DOCTOR ROBOTNIK'S DAILY BROADCAST. NO ONE WANTS TO, BUT IT'S THE LAW.

DO AS YOU'RE TOLD!

AH, MUM! WHY CAN'T WE WATCH ZONE AND AWAY ON CHANNEL SIX?

BECAUSE IF WE DON'T WATCH THIS CHANNEL, DOCTOR ROBOTNIK WILL TAKE DADDY AWAY AND TURN HIM INTO A BADNIK!

GUILD!

BUT SUDDENLY

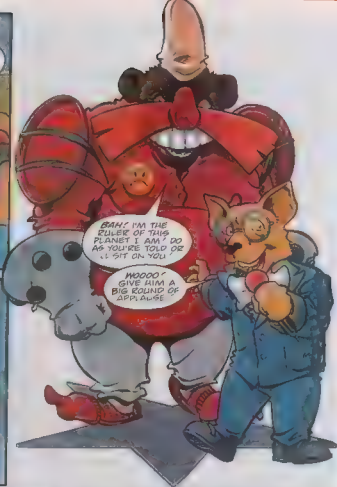
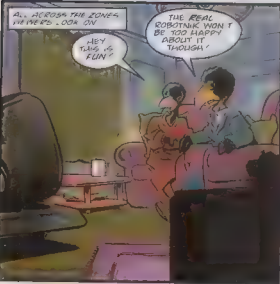
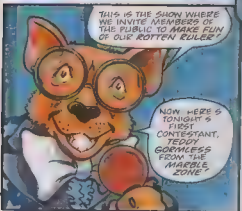
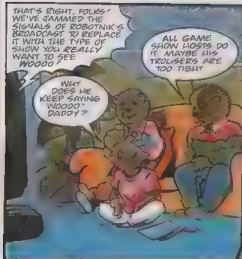
KZZZT! WE INTERRUPT THIS BORING SPEECH TO BRING YOU LIVE ENTERTAINMENT!

OOER! IT'S ON THE BLINK!

SONIC'S WORLD MOCK THE DOC

Script: LEW STRINGER Art: NIGEL DOBBYN Lettering: ANNIE PARKHOUSE

HI! I'M MATTHEW CORG! YOUR HOST FOR TONIGHT'S NEW GAME SHOW 'MOCK THE DOC' WOOO!







GOTCHA! NOW,
EVERYONE WILL
SEE WHAT HAPPENS
TO PEOPLE WHO
MOCK THE DOC!
I'M GOING TO
ENJOY THIS!



BUT...THE TROOPERS
ARE CONFUSED...

DOCTOR
ROBOTNIK?

THAT'S NOT
THE MASTER!
THIS IS!



THE ROBOTS
AREN'T BRIGHT
ENOUGH TO KNOW
YOU'RE ALL FAKES!
PLAY IT UP,
GANG!



TROOPER!
OBEY ME!

LIH?

IGNORE
HIM! OBEY
ME!

I'M THE
FATTEST!
OBEY ME!

DOES NOT
COMPLETE!

MY BRAIN
HURTS!



ANYONE
WHO FOLLOWS
A FAKE MASTER
IS A TRAITOR!
AAGHH!

Y'KNOW, I
THINK WE'VE
ALL BEEN
TRICKED!
NNGGHH!

WOOOO!
GREAT TV!

BLAM!

ZZAM!

THE IDIOTS! BAH!
I SHOULD NEVER
TRUST A ROBOT TO DO
A MAN'S JOB! I'LL
DEAL WITH THIS
PERSONALLY!

BUT BY THE TIME
ROBOTNIK ARRIVES...

THEY'VE
ESCAPED! STILL,
AT LEAST I'M
SPARED ANY
FURTHER
EMBARRASSMENT!

OH, NO!
THAT CAMERA'S
STILL ROLLING!
BAHH!

SMILE!

IT'S A SHOW
THAT EVERYONE'S
BEEN WATCHING...

HA HA! OLD
LARD BELLY WILL
NEVER LIVE THIS
DOWN!

HE'S LOST
HIS COOL
AND LOOKS
A FOOL!

LATER, BACK
AT CITADEL
ROBOTNIK...

NOTHING ON
TV TONIGHT,
SIR?

SHUT
UP!

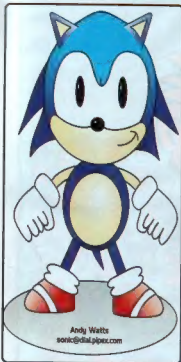
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BUT STAY TUNED TO STG EVERY FORTNIGHT, BOOMERS!



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OR USE THE E-MAIL SERVICE (SEE BELOW FOR DETAILS)



Andy Watts
sonic@dial.pipex.com

HANDY ANDY!

Dear Megadroid,

Thought you might be interested in a Sonic picture which I drew on my PC using Corel Draw (see above). Even if I am 28 years of age, I still think it would be way cool if you could print it in STC! Can you help?

Andy Watts, Romsey, Hampshire.
Sega Mega Hog Tag Winner.



Anything to help the aged, Andy!

TAKING THE HICKEY!

Q: How did Tails do in his exams?

A: He passed with flying colours!

Darren Hickey, Ballovalane,

Co Cork, Rep of Ireland.

MD owner.

Sega Mega Hog Tag Winner.



To sure to include your snail-mail (postal) address.
If you want to win a prize!

PARENTAL APPROVAL!

Dear STC,

I'm not the only one in our house who's a Chaotix fan, and to prove it here's a picture drawn by my mum (see below) who - like me - reads the comic each fortnight!

Matt Page, Worthing, W Sussex.

MD owner.

Sega Mega Hog Tag Winner.



That's what I call a superior mother, Matt!

